

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are canceled, without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims and others in continuation or divisional applications. Claims 10-16 are amended. Claims 10 and 16 are pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his favorable consideration of Claims 10 and 16. Applicant has amended Claims 10 and 16 to place the claims in independent format such that the claims include the respective limitations of their base claims.



CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Claims 10 and 16 are in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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